

# **Re-authorization of the Abandoned Mine Land Fund: What Does the Future Hold?**

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# **Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, P.L. 95-87**

## **Title IV – Abandoned Mine Program (AML)**

### **Office of Surface Mining (OSM) Funding and Oversight**

# **National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML P)**

**26 State Programs**

**3 Native American Tribal Programs**

**\$1.8 Billion Spent on Public Safety and Environmental Hazards**

**30,000 Open Mines Sealed**

**27,000 Acres of Mine-Scarred Land Returned to Productivity**

**29,000 Acid Mine Drainage and Water Projects Implemented**











**\$3 Billion in High Priority Problems Remain**

**\$15 - 30 Billion to Reclaim All Remaining  
Problems**

**Including Acid Mine Drainage**

# Re-authorization Timeline

- August 1977 – September 1992

Life of AML Under the Act

- September 1992 – September 2004

Re-authorized for 12 Years as Part of the Energy Policy Act

## **Re-authorization Timeline (cont')**

- September 27, 2004 – November 20, 2004  
Extended by Continuing Resolution

- December 2004 – June 2005  
Extended by Omnibus Appropriation bill

- September 2005 – June 2006  
Extended by Interior and Environment spending bill

So.....Today is.....

# **Important Re-authorization Issues**

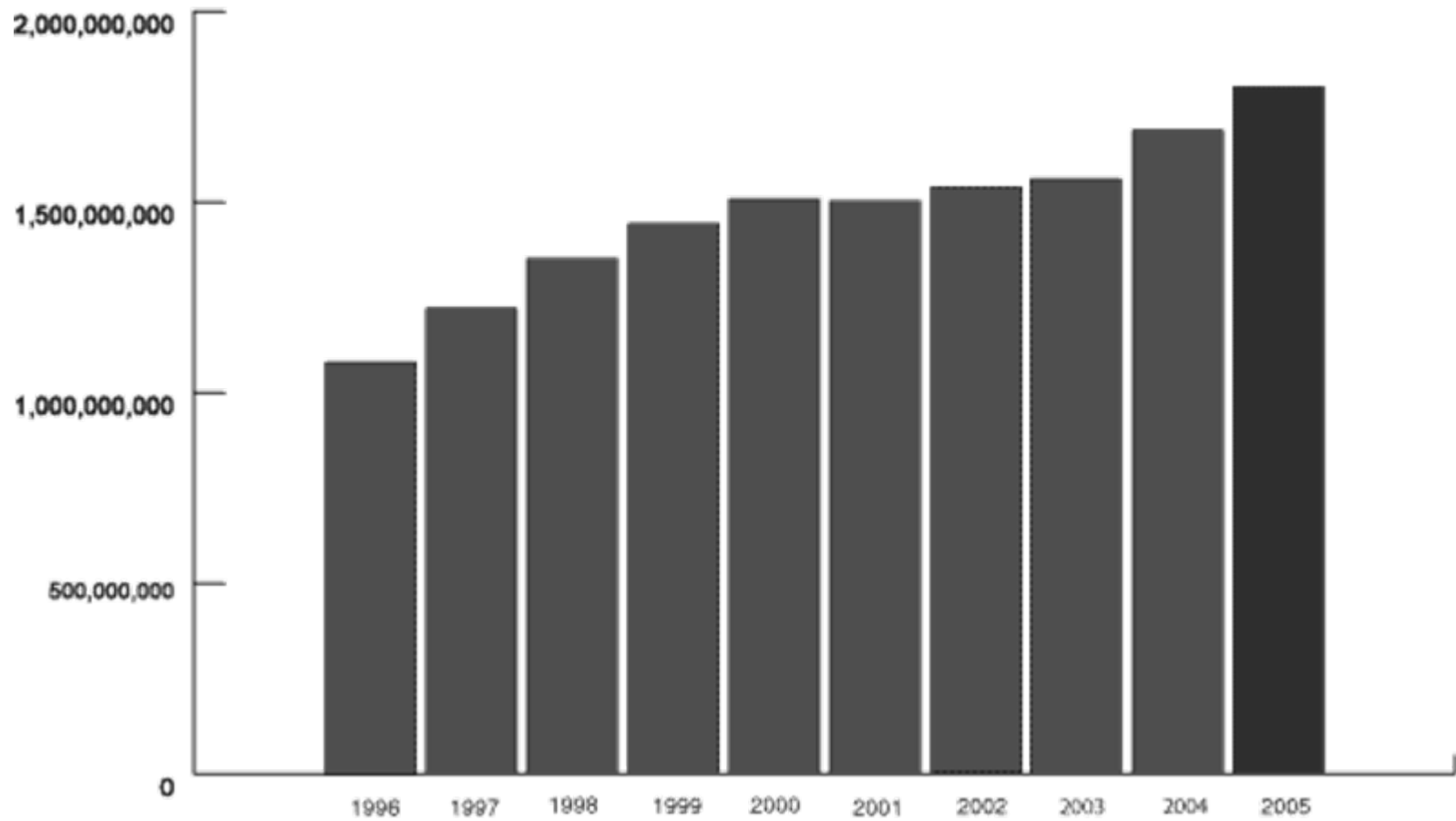
Historic Coal Production / Current Coal Production

Inventory of Problems

Combined Benefits Fund

AML Trust Fund

# AML Trust Fund



# **Examples of Re-authorization Efforts**

NAAML P / IMCC

Western Governors Association

National Governors Association

Administration (OSM) Bill – Sen. Specter, PA

H.R. 3778 – Rep. Peterson, PA

H.R. 3796 – Rep. Cubin, WY - Rep. Rahall, WV

S.2086 – Sen. Thomas, WY – Sen. Enzi, WY

# Why Re-authorization is Critical

1.2 Million People Live within ½ Mile of P1's & P2's

\$3 Billion Infused into Mining-Impacted Communities

Each \$1 Spent on Reclamation Returns \$1.23 to Nation's  
Economy (USFS 1992 IMPLAN)

Each \$1 Million in Construction Created 48.7 Jobs  
(USFS 1992 IMPLAN)